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Death penalty sought against Major Davis, Jr. for murder of IMPD Officer Perry Renn

(Indianapolis, Ind.) – Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that his office has filed a request with the court to seek the death penalty against Major Davis, Jr. for the murder of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Officer Perry Renn. The crime occurred on July 5 in the area of East 34th Street and Forest Manor Avenue.

According to the probable cause affidavit filed in the case, the defendant is believed to have fired rounds from an assault rifle at Officer Renn, who was responding to a 911 call that shots had been fired in the area. Davis has been charged with one count of Murder.

Established under Prosecutor Curry in 2011, a review committee within the Marion County Prosecutor's Office considers death penalty eligible cases to evaluate the circumstances. The most recent case in which the death penalty was sought in Marion County was in 2011 against Thomas Hardy. Hardy pleaded guilty to the murder of IMPD Officer David S. Moore and, pursuant to the plea agreement, is serving a sentence of life without parole.

From Rackemann release - Three aggravating circumstances are alleged against Rackemann in the request for the death penalty which are the involvement of multiple murders, the intentional killing of each victim while committing or attempting to commit the crime of Robbery by putting the victims in fear or by using or threatening the use of force, and that Rackemann was on parole for a prior felony conviction at the time of the offenses. (Complete list of aggravating circumstances on page 2.)

The next hearing for all four defendants is scheduled for August 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Court 1.

In the request for the death sentence, it is alleged the following aggravating circumstances existed at the time of Davis' offense:

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.